

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 25 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 12, 20 and 30 have been amended. New claims 34 and 35 have been added. Claims 1-7, 9-23 and 26-35 are pending in the application. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 12 can be found in Figures 2-4, 6 and 7. Changes made to the claims by the current amendment are shown in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Claims 20 and 30 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 25.

The objection to the cross-hatching shown in Figure 5 has been corrected as shown in the attached Proposed Changes to the Drawings.

Claim 1-7, 9-23, 26, 27 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Maruyama et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,323,440. Applicants traverse this rejection to the extent it is maintained.

Claims 1 and 12 require "a movable pawl provided on the base for fixing an electronic component by being brought into contact with a top face of electronic component." The circuit board disclosed by Maruyama fails to disclose a movable pawl that fixes an electronic component by contacting a top face of the electronic component, as required by claims 1 and 12. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 12, and the claims that depend from them, are allowable over the Maruyama reference.

As noted above, claims 20 and 30 include the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 25. Therefore, claims 20 and 30, and the claims that depend from them, are allowable over the Maruyama reference. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 28 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maruyama. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed above, claims 20 and 30 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 25. Therefore, claims 28 and 31-33 are allowable for at least the reason they are dependent upon an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claims 34 and 35 require that "the movable pawl has a flat surface facing downward, the flat surface being brought into contact with a top face of the electronic component." Applicants submit that this limitation is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references. Consideration of new claims 34 and 35 is requested.

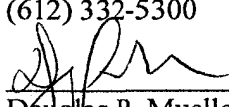
In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.



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